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II. NAVAL FORCES

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III. JOINT FORCES

NORTH KOREAN NAVY CAPTURES USS PUEBLO

ON 23 JANUARY 1968, COMINT REVEALED THE INITIAL

REFLECTIONS OF THE CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO BY NORTH

KOREAN NAVAL VESSELS. FROM THE 23RD THRU THE END OF

THIS REPORT PERIOD, THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

CAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENT ENTRY OF THE USS PUEBLO INTO WONSAN

HARBOR WERE NOTED IN COMINT:

LITTLE OR NO RESISTANCE BY THE CREW OF THE USS

1 PUEBLO WAS NOTED IN NKN COMMUNICATIONS. IT WAS DIS-

CLOSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE US SHIP MADE AN EFFORT TO

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SPEED UP IN AN ATTEMPT TO OUTDISTANCE THE NKN VESSELS.

DURING THE CHASE NKN COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE US SHIP WERE THROWING OBJECTS INTO THE SEA AND ALSO BURNING THINGS ON BOARD.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE CAPTURE, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY AN ARMED BOARDING PARTY, THE US SHIP WAS TOWED INTO WONSAN HARBOR, IN THE HARBOR, COMINT REVEALED, HIGH RANKING NKN PERSONNEL INSPECTED THE SHIP AND REMAINING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD. IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT SOME OF THE REMAINING UNIDENTIFIED EQUIPMENT WAS STILL OPERATING. AFTER THE INSPECTION BY HIGH RANKING NAVAL PERSONNEL, THE SHIP IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN RANSACKED AND MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT TAKEN OFF THE SHIP.

FOLLOWING THE TOWING OF THE US SHIP INTO WONSAN HARBOR, NKN COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED INDICATIONS OF NK ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY ALERT IN THE AREAS AROUND WONSAN.

IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT THE AIRFORCE WOULD BE ON ALERT IN THAT AREA. INTENSIFICATION OF OBSERVATION BY RADAR STATIONS AND NAVAL VESSELS AND ALERT OF ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY UNITS WAS ALSO PUT IN EFFECT ON THE WEST COAST BY NAMP'O NAVAL BASE. NK MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED INDICATIONS OF A "COMBAT EMERGENCY CALL".

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DOCID:243981889 COMINT DISCLOSED THAT THE CREW MEM-

BERS OF THE CAPTURED US VESSEL WERE BEING INTERROGATED,
BUT THAT THEY WERE NOT COOPERATING. A HIGH RANKING NKN
OFFICER QUERIED WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT THE AIRCRAFT
CARRIER WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GOING TO VIETNAM, WAS
NOW COMING TO PROBABLY WONSAN. THE REPLY STATED THAT
THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS LOCATED AT SASAEBO. ALSO ON

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HEADQUARTERS AND KINCH'AEK NAVAL BASE AND BETWEEN

ALSO, AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON AT WONSAN BASE REPORTED

THAT THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE US VESSEL WERE EXTREMELY

DISORDERLY.

23 JANUARY, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE NK NAVY AND PROB-

GENERAL OVERALL ALERT STATUS EVEN THOUGH THE MAJORITY

OF ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE ALONG THE EAST COAST.

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